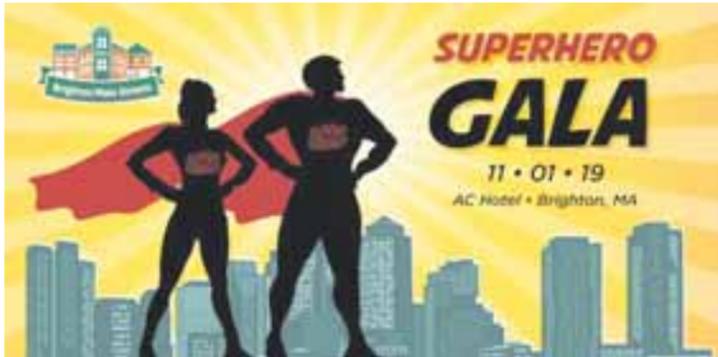


Brighton to honor its superheroes



Brighton Main Streets wants you to nominate who you think is a real superhero in the neighborhood.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Brighton Main Streets (BMS) is hosting its annual Gala Fundraiser, this year in honor of the multitude of volunteers who have made the whole endeavor possible.

BMS Board Chair Chris Parisi said the idea originated when the BMS Board realized the neighborhood does not have a day to honor its

unsung heroes.

“As we were talking people came up with a lot of ideas. We’ve been acknowledging events and programs in the neighborhood during these events before, and that’s wonderful, but we haven’t really mentioned the people who do all the volunteering,” he said. “These are the people who step up and

Superheroes

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MHC at a crossroads on 980 American Legion development



District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell's representative Caroline Kimball-Katz spoke to residents at the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association regarding the proposed development at the Home for Little Wanderers.

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Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Development and traffic concerns intersected at the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) meeting on Thurs., Oct. 10 at the Home for Wanderers at 780 American Legion Hwy.

This is the site of the proposed development, the com-

ment period of which was scheduled to end the following day with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). More than 40 people of this diverse group, spanning a range of races, ages and classes, expressed their opinions about the proposal in a heated debate that divided the

Crossroads

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Washington Street Business Group confronts changing times



Officer Bill Jones gives the police report to the Washington Street Business Group. Jerry Burke of Doyles, second left. Andy Schell, center.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

“We’ve been displaced,” said Paul Iantosca at the Oct. 8 Washington Street Business Group.

With Doyle’s closing at the end of October, the Business Group has nowhere to meet.

But it’s more than that; the Business Group has been displaced by the loss of businesses closing and being sold just like Doyle’s, where the group has met for 30 years.

This follows The Drinking Fountain, a pub that served the MBTA car barn mechanics and the belting factory workers on McBride Street

since the 1940’s, which sold its liquor license and closed up in August 2017.

Since 2013, development is catching up to the long-time Forest Hills factory district that once housed industries from the Arborway to Green Street like fuel-transfer depots, machine shops, auto and truck repair garages, body shops, print shops and welders.

The trend began in 1979 when Boston Gas moved out of its Washington Street plant, between McBride and Williams streets, which it had occupied since before The Civil War, to be retrofitted as Jamaica Plain (now English) High School.

The Hughes Oil property

next to the Casey Arborway and the Flanagan and Seaton Auto Sales warehouse (once the Kinney Pump Works) at the corner of McBride Street are now two high-end residential developments of more than 400 units, MetroMark and The Vita, all built since 2013.

On Stonley, Brookley and Stedman are three more residential developments either built or planned since 2015 on the Northeast Petroleum depot lot.

The most recent, a 45-unit rental residence at 35 Brookley Road, has a BPDA community meeting on Oct.

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57 Readers and Writers Players returning to Brighton Faneuil Library

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 57 Readers and Writers Players will be returning to the Faneuil Library in Brighton on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. to showcase local writers and singers in the neighborhood.

The poetry slam-style event will feature about eight or nine performers.

“We’ve been the 57 Readers and Writers since 2003, and the name is named for the 57 Bus,” said cofounder

57 Readers

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Nancy and Michael O'Hara have been putting on the 57 Writers and Readers for more than 15 years now.

COURTESY PHOTO

Essence of Thyme nonprofit serving up training and home-cooked meals



The Essence of Thyme will be prepping more meals for schools and local organizations at their now larger location on Hyde Park Avenue.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Nonprofit company Essence of Thyme recently moved from its former River Street location to the site of the former Briar Rose Bar at 1300 Hyde Park Ave.

The shop had its grand opening earlier this month, and founder and president of parent company Towards Independent Living and Learning (TILL) Dafna Krouk-Gordon said the move represents the impact they've been able to have on the community by providing meals for the group's partner schools and organizations and providing vocational and social skills to those having developmental disabilities.

Krouk-Gordon said TILL and the ETC started out small about 30 years ago.

"We actually started as a cafe where we would be serving the public with six individuals in a borrowed kitchen in Brookline," she said. "We were just getting our culinary skills together and the intent was to always provide vocational opportunities to people with developmental disabilities. We thought we could do it by serving the public, and training and employing people at the same time. The intent was always to create a cycle, at least as we were looking at it."

The group moved Essence of Thyme to the Dedham Plaza, where Krouk-Gordon said they started selling art products as gifts. About 15 years ago, they moved to River Street.

"That really allowed us to expand the culinary aspect of it and not just deal with the cafe walk ins and catering for our corporate accounts," she said. "We wanted an opportunity for people to perfect their skills."

According to TILL's web site, they provide 800,000 meals every year.

"The good news was that we got really big, but the bad news was we were no longer able to support ourselves at the old space on River Street so we moved to this place," she said.

Krouk-Gordon said they also have expanded their gift shop items, half of which are made in house and all of which can't be bought online or at a big box store.

Krouk-Gordon said TILL was formed in the 1980s, just as institutionalization was being phased out as a means of providing care to persons with developmental disabili-

ties or mental health issues, and she said she's proud to have been on the forefront of that issue.

"We (TILL) were one of the first private nonprofits, as opposed to the state run agencies, to be able to say 'let's develop community-based services'. We now have 57 group homes where individuals live permanently and help them to find what they can do on a daily basis to feel they are contributing... I don't know if we were ahead of the curve, but the timing was such where we could bring people into the community where they belong."

The program does not always lead to those in training getting a job with ETC or TILL, but Krouk-Gordon said the fact that other companies are waking up to the potential of their vocational graduates is promising.

"With the employment market as low as it is, it gives us the opportunity to show the strengths of individuals who have been trained by us to lots of employers," she said. "It's an opportunity to show their potential and their character."

Krouk-Gordon added she feels very optimistic about the move to the Briar Rose location and their planned expansion of services. She said they have a lot of work to do since they started catering contracts with schools in the neighborhood last spring.

"We can't wait to become a known quantity in the community," she said. "We're hoping to give to the neighborhood as much as our customers will give to us."

For more information, head on over to the Essence of Thyme or go to Tillinc.org.

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Featherbedding 2019 style

A little more than a half-century ago featherbedding on railroads was rampant. As diesel locomotives took the place of steam engines, there was no longer a need for firemen, because there was no coal to shovel from the tender into the boilers. [Full disclosure: my grandfather's brother worked for years—long before diesel and electric locomotives came onto the scene—shoveling coal to enable the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad trains to speed from New Haven to Boston.]

Empowered with a deadman's throttle, a solitary engineer could now drive a train without the need for a second adult, the fireman, in the locomotive cab.

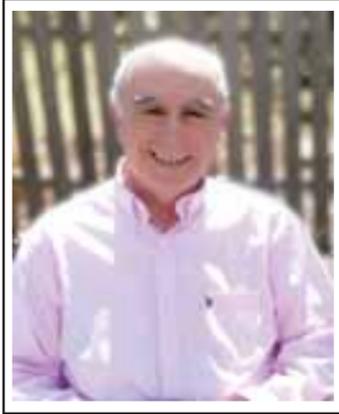
As communications improved, there was no need for a caboose to rear-end a freight train to provide shelter for crew, formerly required in switching and shunting, or for them to keep a lookout for load shifting, damage to equipment and cargo, and disconnection. Sensors enabled an engineer to know of these malfunctions.

Thus railroads saved themselves a lot of money if they could please the various brotherhood unions. If they reached an impasse, then strikes became ugly as disgruntled strikers resorted to violence and created havoc, as was one of the worst cases against the Florida East Coast Railway beginning in 1963

As railroads reached the modern age aided by all sorts of technological improvements, their costs went down because the number of employees diminished to attrition or lay-offs.

A while back a friend of mine working for a private firm was hired to examine a pedestrian bridge crossing over Amtrak's rails.

Understandably he had to wait until the wee hours in the



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morning to do his inspections, after the last train had gone by and before the morning trains started making their runs. As his probing came close to the catenary wires, which provide the overhead power to Acela and other Amtrak locomotives, the high voltage power had to be shut off, which necessitated the presence of electrician(s). But there was a chance for a lot of overtime for Amtrak personnel here, and thus six Amtrak employees fed from the general trough, although only two inspectors from the private firm were in attendance.

Multiply this by thousands of other instances of when unnecessary personnel are hired to merely stand around—these onlookers in the case above were receiving serious overtime pay—and you get an idea of why the cost of living is so high in Boston, as well as in the rest of the state. The only people who benefit from featherbedding—be they federal, state, or city workers—are the featherbedders themselves, as they drive up cost for the rest of us. Yes, there's something to be said for making an honest living with a day's hard work, especially if the public does not have to refill its coffers for paying featherbedders.

Boston has always been known as a strong city. A lot of our strength comes from our older residents, who represent a broad diversity of cultures and backgrounds, and who helped to make our city what it is today. That's why we recently changed the name of the Elderly Commission to the Age Strong Commission. It better reflects the work we do, and the strong Bostonians we serve. We also launched the City's first-ever Age Strong public awareness campaign. It's an effort to combat negative stereotypes about aging, and highlight some of the incredible older adults showing what it means to age strong in our neighborhoods.

Older adults are one of our fastest-growing populations. In 2010, there were more than 88,000 residents over the age of 60 living in Boston. By 2030, this number is expected to exceed 130,000. As our population changes, the way we think and talk about aging should, too.

We have all heard negative and inaccurate messaging

about aging. In Boston, we are confronting harmful labels like senile, inactive, helpless, and frail. These words don't accurately describe Boston's older adults, so we decided to combat these stereotypes by highlighting the positive, empowering side of aging through a bold public awareness campaign.

This fall, you will see the faces and stories of older Bostonians displayed on bus shelters, at City Hall, in our libraries, and on social media. This campaign features older adults from throughout Boston's neighborhoods, including Sandra Harris, 68; Irene Morey, 103; Harry Pierre, 67; Vinny Marino, 83; Leo Romero, 84; Judy Yee, 70; Smiler Haynes, 86; and Rob Quinn, 59. These Bostonians have great stories to tell and important messages to share.

This is what I know about older Bostonians: they are leaders, changemakers, and problem solvers. They start trends and fight for causes they care about. Older residents contribute a lot to their com-



Mayor's Column

Martin J. Walsh

munities, their families, and our city as a whole, and we are grateful for their energy and experience.

We invite everyone, of all ages, to join this conversation. Visit www.boston.gov/age-strong to learn more, and share how you age strong. Together we can make Boston the most age-friendly city in America, where all generations are included, valued, and empowered.

Letters to the Editor

BRACE YOURSELF HYDE PARK

To the Editor:

For what? For upwards of 700 new units and 600 new vehicles sought within a 1.5 miles of Readville Station. Add the Rogers School and you'll have at least 70 more units and 20 more cars. By adding supply to balance demand for (theoretically) lower housing costs, these developments seek to garner incentives from the housing crisis (\$). Still, no matter their elevator pitch, the primary lens for developers is return on investment, not social impact. It's business, not public service. Addressing issues for infrastructure and the type and scale of development requires public action.

Let's consider six developments, two of which have been approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The approved developments include 247 rental units at 36-40 Sprague Street

and 24 rental units at 11 Dana Avenue. The four additional developments include 32 condo units at 1318 River Street, 48 condo units at 1185 River Street, 47 rental units at 99-105 Fairmount Ave, and 305 rental units at 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. These are pursued by HPTrax, Urban Meritage, DiSipio Building Group, and Ad Meliora respectively.

Such swooping development questions vested interests, neighborhood access, and plans for accommodating prosperity for current and prospective residents. Considering such questions entails understanding how these developments influence housing stock, neighborhoods access, and effective planning.

Poor housing supply has hurt underserved areas of the City and jagged pathways to homeownership have led equity astray. Are there pathways to equity for a generation on the rise? These devel-

opments collectively present less than 12% in homeownership opportunities. Earning enough to dine out, yet too indebted to afford a home, young professionals are pursued by such developments as creating Neverland is more profitable than helping them settle down. Keep this in mind when considering proportions of studios, one-bedrooms, and the presence and cost of condos.

A benefit of these developments may be their proximity to transit. Transit Orientated Development is concept pursuing vibrant walkable environments through adjacency to transit. However, three of the developments are questionable in terms of being transit-oriented. Still developers will insist nearby transit will deter traffic. However, the developments at 1185 River Street, 11 Dana Avenue, and 36-40 Sprague Street, all include parking spaces that are equal to or greater than their number of units, which prioritizes traffic over transit. Whether or not parking comes from zoning or marketing, let's consider incentives for driving before we call things transit-oriented. With north Hyde Park bridge-

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City Council to look at sober home regulations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

During last week's Boston City Council meeting on Oct. 9, At-Large City Councilor Althea Garrison first called for a vote on a new ordinance and then called for a hearing on said ordinance that would more stringently regulate sober homes in the City of Boston.

Readers may remember in 2017 the case of David Perry, 58, of Reading. He operated a sober home in Roxbury until criminal complaints were filed against him alleging he would exchange drugs, legal work or free rent in exchange for sex. Prosecutors claimed this was meant to keep addicts hooked on drugs and in his program. Perry pleaded guilty to 15 counts of evidence tampering, 15 drug charges and six counts of sex for a fee on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Garrison said for this issue and many others, she wants more stringent regulations put in place to keep problems and abuses from cropping up.

"They lack sufficient regulation and are being built across the city," she said. "Here in Boston I have seen and heard of sober homeowners moving into

neighborhoods without properly informing the residents, yet they set up shop and start their operation with very little supervision and regulation from the city. Sometimes the owners of these homes take advantage of their residents for their own financial benefit, all while operating in an unsafe environment and doing very little to help these residents in recovery."

Garrison said the city has a duty to provide residents with the best possible chance at recovery.

Garrison's current ordinance requires that a sober home operator obtain a certification from the City of Boston, as well as adhere to certain standards to keep that certification such as keeping the place clean, sanitary and free of drugs and have at least one staff member present in the home 24 hours a day.

District City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she agreed that the city needs to step forward and help in this issue.

"I want sober homes to thrive, I want people to feel that they can come home and be integrated back into our communities and I don't want

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Slyne / Truman Rally making triumphant return

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Truman Rally has been a historic marking of the political season for residents of Ward 20 in West Roxbury for decades, ever since it was held outside the old Boston Police Station near Hastings Street.

Now, in honor of one of its founders, the late Steve Slyne of the old Steve Slyne's Deli, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley and organizers from across the Parkway are reigniting the event for a new generation.

"The Harry Truman Society Election Rally started in the late 70s and early 80s, and it was a staple of the neighborhood," said O'Malley. "It was histori-

cally also the night before the election and it was an outdoor, old-fashioned rally."

This year's iteration will be at the Irish Social Club on Oct. 23 starting at 6 p.m. for a meet and greet with a speaking program starting at 7 p.m.

O'Malley said it was at one of these events his own love of politics started. He said the tradition went on for 20 to 25 years before it stopped, and he and local politicians like State Sen. Michael Rush and State Rep. Edward Coppinger restarted the event in 2011 and 2012.

"But it was a lot of work and it cost a lot of money and we brought it back because it was such a great and iconic event," he said. "I loved going to it as a kid."

Because founder Steve Slyne passed away this summer, O'Malley said it was time to bring it back at least one more time for him.

"We're all just standing in line at his wake and we see these pictures from Truman Rallies from years past, and we got to thinking about how can we honor his legacy and bring back a cherished family event."

O'Malley said he got to work and reached out to Lord Mayor of West Roxbury and Program Director at the Irish Social Club Richie Gormley to get the rally hosted at the club. Gormley agreed, and O'Malley said they will host At-Large City Council Candidates Michael Flaherty, Michelle Wu, Althea Garrison, Annissa Essaibi-George, Erin Murphy, Julia Mejia, Alejandra St. Guilen and David Halbert. They will also be hosting District 5 Candidates Ricardo Arroyo and Maria Esdale Farrell.

"We'll also be presenting something to the Slyne family and it will just be a nice sort of old fashioned way to get together and have a good time and

celebrate democracy and continue to generate interest in our local elections," O'Malley said.

The councilor acknowledged that politics lately can easily turn into a wedge that divides people, but he said he hopes this event just brings people together to celebrate the process and get more people out to vote.

"I think the general will have a bit more turnout," he said. "My overall district, well we might not have been first in sheer numbers because my district wasn't on the ballot, but it was significantly more than the citywide average, and I'm hopeful this will continue to generate interest and spark civic engagement and be a lot of fun besides. There's obviously disagreements in the city and the neighborhoods and this is a good chance to respectfully hear from one another and celebrate the great engagement and role that Ward 20 plays for the rest of the city."

O'Malley added Steve Slyne will be on everyone's mind during the rally.

"He was a man who never held elected office but was a force of nature in West Roxbury and Roslindale," he said. "He was a man who helped countless people and really this election eve rally is a great way to bring people together from different parties and different points of view. It was a true honor to speak at his rally in 2011 and introduce him during it. I'm really glad we're able to honor his life and legacy."

According to O'Malley, Slyne was more concerned about neighborhood issues than anything else.

"Steve and I would talk often about politics, but it was more about the importance of constituent service issues and quality of life issues and that's how he saw it," he said.

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The gala has a different theme every year, as the roaring 20s from last year clearly demonstrates.

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participate, and they're all kinds of folks and we don't really call them out."

Parisi acknowledged that every year the Boston Main Streets asks each Main Street District to pick a Volunteer of the Year and a business of the year, but he pointed out that this does not give every volunteer the recognition the BMS Board agreed they deserve.

"They give us their time and energy and everybody who volunteers is a superhero and has a superpower in the community," he said.

Right now you can go to brightonmainstreets.org/events/superhero-gala and nominate anyone in the Brighton community as a superhero for the Gala, which is taking place on Nov. 1 at the AC Hotel in Brighton from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All BMS asks is that you tell your superhero's story so they can be honored at the gala.

"We put out our requests for volunteers often and most of the time a bunch come out, and without them none of what we do at BMS could happen," he said. "We're dedicated to the improvement of the Brighton community. We're making the stores look good, and we try to get a good mix of stores to make sure the residents of Brighton have whatever anyone needs. We clean up the islands, we plant perennials and we have a great place that people want to live in and we're proud of the neighborhood in which we live."

Parisi said the effort is to make Brighton a destination in the City to attract more people to the shops and businesses. He said one of the ways they've been successful is Brighton Sounds: Unplugged, where BMS and local musicians have partnered to offer free acoustic music to businesses across the neighborhood one day a week. He said they're able to do this because of the recently passed acoustic music ordinance in Boston which allows any restaurant or venue to host acoustic music without a live music permit.

Parisi said 100 percent of the donations collected on Nov. 1 will go to initiatives like that, and also include initiatives to improve wayfinding signage, like the interactive kiosk recently installed in the neighborhood. They also work to improve storefront appeal by working with businesses, host workshops for local businesses in information technology and social media and provide small business loans to get businesses started.

The event will feature superhero games and activities and a caricature artist to bring out anyone's inner superhero. Again, for more information or to nominate someone you know, go to brightonmainstreets.org/events/superhero-gala.

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Jake Hart is a long time small business owner who lives on Forest Hills Street.

"We used to have 50 members," he said. "Now, we're down to about eight."

Andy Schell owned Schell Printing at 3399 Washington St. for many years and was a founder and mainstay of the Business Group since its founding.

He closed his business in July 2016, sold the building and retired, or at least tried to. "I tried to retire," he said at the meeting. "But I love my new job at the Plainridge Casino. I work part time."

Schell is the group president and treasurer and he said it was time to call it quits.

"We have \$800 in the bank," he said. "I think we ought to close it out and give the money to the Police Athletic League. I'm not going to continue. We don't have any new members coming in."

Schell Printing is now Brilliance Tattoo, which relocated from Allston, but like Turtle Swamp Brewery, Brookside Walk and Train for dog owners and Santia's Bakery- all haven't shown any inclination to participate in the Business Group.

Planet Fitness is scheduled to open a new franchise soon at The Vita; it's been heavily promoting its new gym (including a billboard at Forest Hills) at 3529 Washington St.

The WSBG was created in the wake of the old elevated train trestle coming down in

1989 and the subsequent reconstruction of Washington Street.

Stanley Hatoff's then-Texaco gas station moved to its new location in about 1983, after 60 years in Forest Hills Square, to make way for Ukraine Way and the new Forest Hills Station parking lot.

"Stanley needed to get permits for his gas station," Schell said, "and he was having trouble so we got together a group to help."

Hatoff's is now owned by John Tamvakologos, and with his partner Joe Hassels is planning to subdivide the back of his lot and develop it into housing.

That would be opposite Russ Keegan's auto service garage at the corner of Kenton Road.

After too much delay due to neighborhood opposition, he cancelled his agreement with Scott Johnson, who planned to build housing on the site, but is looking for another buyer.

The Patel brothers, who own Ruggiorios, have the Stanley tow lot under agreement for a boutique hotel to be designed by RODE architects.

They have the experience; Mitesh Patel developed the ENVision boutique hotel at 81 South Huntington Ave., in 2012.

Paul Iantosca, who has owned Arborview Realty since 1980, rejected the gloom and doom. This was change to grab hold of.

"Now more than ever this group can play a vital role in

the Washington Street area," he said. "So much is happening. People are investing in the future. We owe it to the community to rebuild into a younger, more in-tune group."

He suggested a name change to Washington Street Businesspersons Association.

"We need to go meet these new young owners and bring them into the fold," he said. "New businesses would be opening and we need to welcome them to be part of the whole."

Jake Hart nominated and Iantosca agreed to act as president. Seth Eli, the owner of Acme Auto Body volunteered as vice president; Lee Goodman of Watermark Development agreed to be the temporary treasurer.

A vote was taken, the officers approved and the Washington Street Businesspersons Association was born.

Speaking to the Bulletin the next day, Iantosca said it was a changing of the guard.

"I think although it's a business association, we need to address the concerns of all communities adjacent to Washington Street," he said, "such as Stonybrook, Union Avenue, Forest Hills, and Jackson Square."

"We need to meet with community leaders and businesses and learn from them what type of businesses are needed; also the appearance of the stores.

"Our job as an association is to encourage these new businesses; support them. Help them," Iantosca said.

Meantime a new meeting place has to be found.



Public Meeting

Western Ave Corridor Study and Rezoning

Wednesday, October 30
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center
123 Antwerp Street - Community Room
Allston, MA 02134

Project Description:
Please join us for a community workshop focused on discussing opportunity sites and street design potential for the Western Avenue Corridor Study. Review feedback given at previous public meetings and share your ideas about the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is part of the Western Avenue Corridor Study and Rezoning. The planning initiative will inform recommendations for new or modified zoning; build on previous planning in the area. The study will also consider public realm improvements and transportation enhancements in coordination with the ongoing Allston-Brighton Mobility Study.

Translated materials, interpretation services, and disability accommodations may be requested by contacting us before October 21 at: Gerald.Autler@boston.gov, 617.918.4438 or ADA@boston.gov. For more information, visit bit.ly/westerncorridor.

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Around the Neighborhoods

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FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

HONOR VETERAN'S DAY from November 9-10 with free admission for veterans at Franklin Park Zoo

ENJOY THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING with your family, for half priced admission on November 29 at Franklin Park Zoo

ICE SKATING - NEW LEARN-TO-SKATE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, AGES 4 TO 18

New classes start October 26th & 27th at the Newton Daly Ice Rink on Nonantum Road. Classes are held on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 pm.

New classes start October 20th, 24th & 25th at Brookline/Cleveland Circle Reilly Memorial Rink, 355 Chestnut Hill Avenue, are starting now. Classes are held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Use figure, recreational or hockey skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org Celebrating Over 50 Years!

CALLING ALL YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Registration Opens Oct. 21; Program Begins Oct. 28 - Calling all youth basketball players! The YMCA of Greater Boston, in partnership with the Boston Celtic's Shamrock Foundation, is kicking-off the nonprofit's fall youth basketball development league for youth starting at age 3 through the 4th grade. All YMCA members are invited to play in the eight-week program, which starts Oct. 28, at select YMCA branch locations. Registration is open Oct. 21 through Nov. 1.

The goal of the league is to

teach youth players the values of the Boston Celtics with an emphasis on health. The clinic schedule includes a mix of large group activities and exercises, small break out drills, friendly competitions and improvement-based games.

Participants who register prior Nov. 1 will save \$10. For more information, to register, or to see if and when a clinic will be offered at a YMCA of Greater Boston branch near you, visit: <https://ymcaboston.org/jrceltics>.

PEER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR TEENS 14-18

"Looking for a fun and exciting job? We are hiring youth ages 14-18 for Peer Leadership positions in our Youth & Police in Partnership (YPP) Program!

Located in Roxbury, YPP is leadership development and civic engagement program of Children's Services of Roxbury that engages, educates and emboldens young people to become agents of change for themselves and their communities..

Peer leaders lead round tables and community dialogues, organize and participate in community service projects, build leadership, life skills and more!

For more information, to refer, or to apply, contact Tim Fitzgerald, Program Supervisor, at 617-989-9469.

RUN THE 2020 BOSTON MARATHON FOR THE ESPLANADE!

The Esplanade is the premiere running trail in Greater Boston. Each winter and spring, the excitement builds for the Boston Marathon runners who turn to the Esplanade's riverfront pathways and footbridges as the setting for their training runs.

This year, 15 runners will have the opportunity to support this beloved training route by joining TEAM ESPLANADE.

If you or someone you know is passionate about the Esplanade, we hope you'll consider running the 124th Boston Mara-

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ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON MAIN STREETS SUPERHERO GALA

Brighton Main Streets will be honoring the neighborhood's undercover heroes by shining a spotlight on the work that they do to lift up our community on Friday, November 1st from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the AC Hotel, 395 Chestnut Hill Ave, Brighton

Each and every one of the SuperHeroes have been nominated by you, the community. Join us as we reveal their secret identity and celebrate the great work they do in our community. Raise a glass to their superhero powers and enjoy a fun evening of testing out your own hidden strengths.

CERAMICS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Harvard Ed Portal and the Ceramics Program, Office for the Arts at Harvard are proud to offer one joint scholarship for a 8-10 week course at the Ceramics Studio for Spring 2020. Any Allston-Brighton resident age 18+ is eligible to apply, and no prior ceramics experience is needed. The scholarship covers the cost of registration and materials for one course. The recipient is responsible for payment of a \$40 registration fee.

Scholarship Details - Application Deadline: November 8 by 5:00pm

Eligible: Allston-Brighton residents and Ed Portal Members—ages 18 and older.

Cost: The scholarship covers the cost of registration and materials for one course. The scholarship recipient is responsible for payment of a \$40 registration fee.

To find an application, visit here: <https://edportal.harvard.edu/ceramics-community-scholarship>

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 12TH ROUND OF HARVARD ALLSTON PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT AWARDS

Applications are requested for the 12th round of grant awards for the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund (HAPF). A total of \$100,000 is available in one-year grants to community-based organizations that provide programs and services to residents of Allston-Brighton. The Harvard Allston Partnership Fund was created by Harvard and the City of Boston, in collaboration with the Allston-Brighton community, to support neighborhood improvement projects, cultural enrichment, and educational programming in North Allston-Brighton.

Application deadline: November 8 by 5:00pm to the Ed Portal. <https://edportal.harvard.edu/program-areas>

JAMAICA PLAIN

24th TASTE OF JAMAICA PLAIN

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 6-9pm

Place: Our Lady of the Annunciation Church 7 VFW Parkway, W. Roxbury, MA

Description: Over 20 food and beverage stations. live music, entertainment, kids activities, silent auction, fun for the whole family! Cash bar w/\$5 drinks for 21+

Price: Admission: \$45 adults; \$35 seniors (62+) & students (w/ID) \$15 children 6-16; Free ages 5 & under

To purchase tickets: eventbrite.com (search esac)

ESAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization dedicated to promoting community stability. Proceeds from the evening to benefit ESAC's programs. www.esacboston.org 617-524.2555

ANNA'S PALS NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHT

Friday November 29th at Jamaica Pond will begin with The Double Burn, a 5k around the pond. Burn your Thanksgiving calories, then burn a candle in remembrance of a lost loved one. The race begins at 2:30 with the Lighting at 4:30. September is Leukemia and Pediatric Cancer awareness month. In honor of that, all who register here before September 30 will receive a FREE t-shirt on race day!

The events are rain or shine. We hope to see you there! FREE T-SHIRT ON RACE DAY

September is Leukemia and Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. In honor of that, we are offering free t-shirts to all runners/walkers who register for the Double Burn during the month of September.

NOVEMBER 29TH AT JAMAICA POND, FOLLOWED BY THE NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHT

* Race begins at 2:30
* Candle Lighting begins at 4:30

* Black Friday Shopping available at the event Hot Chocolate and Cookies following the candle lighting

NEW PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 150TH CELEBRATION OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH IN JAMAICA PLAIN

A special Mass of Thanksgiving with Cardinal O'Malley takes place on Sunday, November 24 at 11 a.m. It's best to arrive early for seating purposes.

The dinner/dance at Moseley's on the Charles, planned for Saturday, October 19 has been moved to Saturday, November 30, starting at 6 p.m.

Tickets at \$30. will be sold after all the weekend Masses at the church. Payment can also be made by sending a check for \$30 payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory, 97 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. A check-in table will be arranged at Moseley's. All former priests, pastors and religious have been invited. All former parishioners who attended the grammar and high school are encouraged to attend too.

HYDE PARK

LEGENDARY SAINT ANNE'S BAZAAR CELEBRATES SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

The annual Saint Anne's Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Blue Hills Catholic Collaborative (formerly Saint Anne's School) 20 Como Road, Readville, MA. Great raffle prizes, beautiful handmade items, and delicious baked goods await. Treasures are to be found under the watchful eye of the white elephant. There will be activities for children as well as books, toys, DVDs and CDs. A jolly character in a red suit will be making an appearance. All are invited to join the BHCC community for lunch and the Pasta Dinner served at 5 o'clock. See old friends and make new ones at the Saint Anne's Bazaar!

WE GROW MICROGREENS CALENDAR

Grand opening and ribbon cutting for We Grow Microgreens Urban Farm & Greenhouse. Wednesday, October 30th at 10am. Join Mayor Martin J. Walsh and community members to celebrate Hyde Park's newest small business, bringing healthy greens to farm stands across the City. The Department of Neighborhood Development made an acre of land available to create this urban farm. All are welcome! Adjacent to the farm is a new public walk-

Calendar

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

1. Dear Doctor: My 2016 Traverse was rear-ended 2 years ago with moderate damage. Six months later the A/C would not run cold. The dealer filled it with Freon. One year later, again the A/C would not run cold. The dealer filled the Freon, put blue dye in, and charged me \$150. Five months later the A/C would not run cold. The dealer could find no trace of blue dye, filled it with Freon and did not charge me. I was advised to return for a check in a month. Do you have any observations or suggestions on the matter? -Thomas

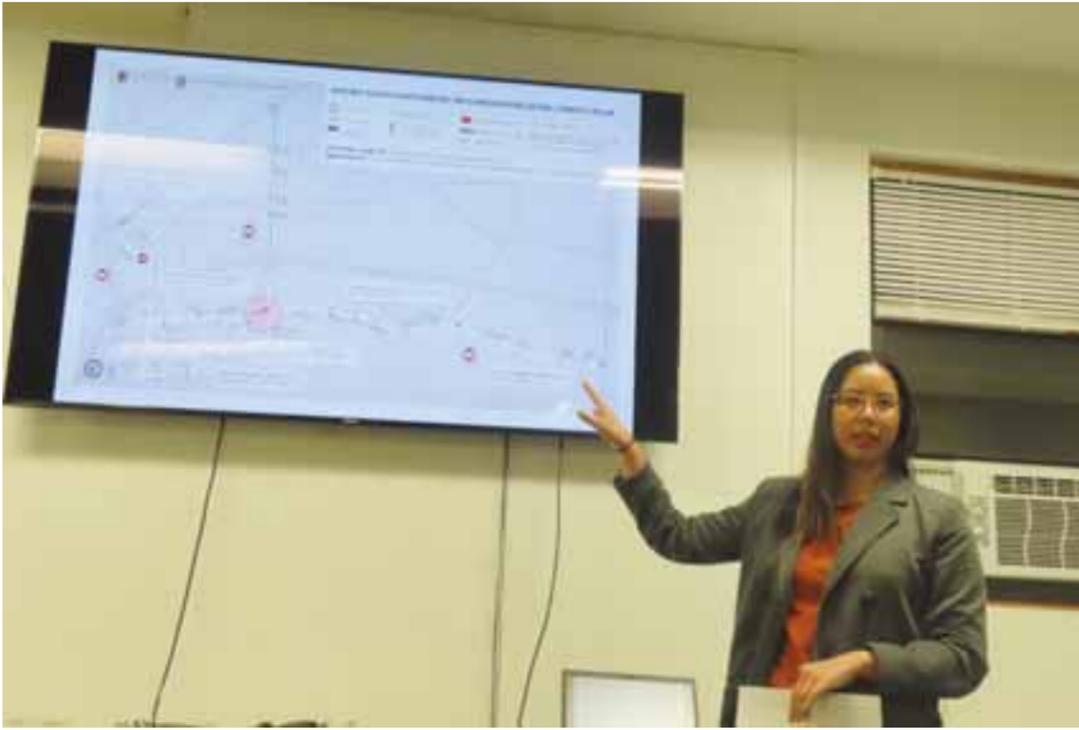
A) Small A/C Leaks can often be hard to locate. Dye, black lights, and a sniff-type leak detector is useful. Front condensers have been a common fault as well as A/C lines. Have a technician inspect the accident area. If any of the A/C components are in that area, call your insurance company. Extended insurance may cover the repair if not accident related. Find a AAA approved shop to inspect the system.

2. Dear Doctor: I am looking to buy a new hybrid vehicle and the KIA Niro is on the top of my list because of its size, roomy interior, and of course great gas mileage. How do hybrids run the A/C when in stop-and-go traffic and engine is not running (electric motor only)? Does the A/C compressor need the engine running to operate? In cold winter weather, does the engine need to run until reaching optimal working temperature negating any 'hybrid' fuel savings? -Don

A) KIA Niro is a great car, either Hybrid or full electric. The A/C system and power steering are both electric and will operate when the engine is off on any hybrid vehicle, and on a full electric with no gas engine. In cold weather the gas engine on a hybrid will run at longer intervals.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

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Transportation Department Planner Hannah Fong went over the improvements to side streets along the American Legion Corridor at the Mount Hope Canterbury Meeting on Thursday.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

room about preserving the character and greenspace in this historically underserved community while making room for a new generation that hopes to add vibrancy and income to it.

According to the BPDA website, the comment period was extended to Nov. 1.

The proposed project would demolish the current site of the Home for Little Wanderers, a 32,308 square-foot building. There would be new offices and a mixed-use development with 22 units of supported housing for youth who are aging out of the Commonwealth's foster care system.

In addition to that structure, there would be 93 units of market rate and workforce rental and owner-occupied townhouse condos for a total 115 units. The Dimock Street Neighborhood Health Center would house new clinical facilities there. The entire project would encompass 186,559 square feet of gross floor area on almost two and a half acres. Parking would be provided for 133 vehicles.

MHC member John Russo presented a form letter for members to sign if they chose to oppose the project. While not against it entirely, Russo and many members stressed that the scope of it was too large for the residential neighborhood.

"Presently, the Mount Hope/Mount Canterbury neighborhood consists of single family homes with lots of ample green and open space consistent with the Greenbelt Roadway, or American Legion Highway, and the Mount Hope and Calvary cemeteries nearby," the letter stated. "The addition of 115 residential units to this area has the potential to change the character of the Mount Hope/Mount Canterbury neighborhood, and directly affect the abutting and neighboring property owners due to the increased traffic and congestion."

The letter went on to explain that the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is four times what is allowed under the zoning code. The density of the project also goes against the principles of the Greenbelt Protection Overlay District and will increase vehicle and pedestrian traffic in an area where the association has brought up dangerous conditions at numerous meetings.

"I'm not against development," Russo said. "My son is a developer. But this is reminding me of when we got forced out of the West End."

"We don't want to stop it, but we want to scale it down," he continued. "Right now, it looks more like the Bronx going into New York City."

Caroline Kimball-Katz from City Council President Andrea Campbell's office noted the buildings are six and five stories, respectively, whereas the zoning code caps them at three stories.

Russo added that when he built his funeral home decades ago, he could have built a two-story building, but wanted to keep it in character with the neighborhood.

Russo said he hired an attorney to step in to represent him against the project.

"The reality is that even if they scaled this down, this is going to be a very, very dense project," Lisa Beatman, the MHC co-chair, said. "We are not against the project, and we want them to be good neighbors. But we are against the size of the project."

"I just feel like I'm being squeezed," Dennis Wright said. "How much development are we going to have before a neighborhood is no longer a neighborhood?"

Resident Abner Bonilla spelled out the issue more bluntly, casting it in terms of neighborhood, economy and race.

"People on the other side of

Roslindale and in West Roxbury are trying to influence what's going on here," he said. "They were never at a meeting here before. It's like me coming in and complaining about something going on in Worcester or Pawtucket, RI."

"This is a heavily minority neighborhood," he continued. "American Legion Hwy. has been asking about this issue constantly."

Resident Amy DeVito said

that she liked several aspects of the project. She also told longtime residents that they had to accept that new blood was coming into the area and needed a place to live.

"I think we can use this to our advantage," she said. "We are the future of this area. We need to be mindful that we are going to be around here for much longer."

State Rep. Russell Holmes, who entered the debate near the end of the meeting, said that people coming into the neighborhood will pay "to live in monstrosities."

"I don't think that it destroys the neighborhood to bring density into this neighborhood," he said. "I believe you have a lot of influence."

Beatman noted that there are "shades of gray" in this debate, and all people in each group can't be put in a box.

MHC showed that it had a lot of influence by getting a number of proposed changes in the works for the neighborhood as part of the Slow Streets program. Hannah Fong led a presentation that showed a number of proposed changes consisting mainly of speed humps on Canterbury Street to combat speeding and traffic concerns.

There will be nine speed

humps placed along the length of Canterbury St. and four at the upper section of Mount Hope St. leading into Canterbury approaching Mt. Calvary Rd. At those crosswalks, the curbs will be extended to give pedestrians an easier time crossing the street.

"We wanted to narrow the street there because it is a really wide intersection," Fong said.

"We are not removing the jersey barriers," said Stefanie Seskin, who worked with Fong in the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) on the project. "We will be squaring that intersection up."

The speed humps will be only a few inches high, so people will be able to park their cars on top of them, yet they will be high enough to calm traffic flow, Seskin noted.

The intersection of Hadwin Way and Harding Rd. will receive a stop sign and a "Do Not Enter" sign on Hyde Park Ave.

On the other side of Canterbury, where the road bends, Payne Street will receive five speed humps, a wider crosswalk, and a "Do Not Enter Except Buses" sign.

This is not the final draft, and input from residents at the meeting will be taken into consideration.

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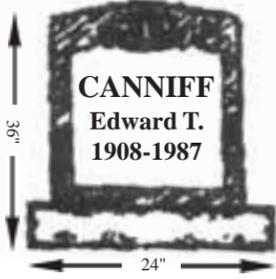
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Nancy O'Hara. "We always stress to people, don't be scared, there aren't 57 of us. I had one friend even recently come to me and say 'I'd love to come but sorry, I'm not going to listen to 57 people.'"

O'Hara started the group with several other residents and her husband Michael in 2003, and she said they came up with the name due to their first writers writing a 10-minute playlet that took place entirely on the 57 Bus.

O'Hara said this year's theme will be music, more specifically about an instance when a particular piece of music or concert had a unique impact on the writer. She said in the past there have been a few readers who sang some of their words, but she expects more for this year's theme.

"This particular show with the theme of music, I think several people might introduce singing in the middle of their little story," she said.

O'Hara said they voted on the topic a few months ago and have been working to perfect their pieces ever since.

"They had August, September and October to think about and produce a piece that should run about 650 words," she said. "I know some people can't seem to edit down to that length, but you'll end up with about a 45



The event usually gets a good crowd for the shows they put on in the spring and the fall.

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to 55-minute show... No one can ever really guess how it's going to be and how the crowd is going to react, but they keep inviting us back to the Faneuil and our group definitely gets some of the larger audiences at the Faneuil."

O'Hara said they usually perform one show in the fall and one in the spring and have produced more than 30 since they started.

"In every show, we begin the performance with a song from a guitar player that represents the topic voted on and then the show will end with the same song, and we ask everyone to join in," she said.

O'Hara said her husband

Michael, who recently published "A Stowaway in Plain Sight and other Stories," will be reading a piece describing his six-month career as a music critic, under the pen name Remo O'Manion.

"Big performers and little performers showed up in the City Yards in East Boston," O'Hara said. "this would just be like showing up at the sad sack ball field, but you know who showed up? The Everly Brothers. His experience talking to them will be the basis of his piece."

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at the library at 419 Faneuil St. in Oak Square. Parking is free at the Presentation School Foundation after 6 p.m.

Social Security Announces 1.6 Percent Benefit Increase for 2020

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 69 million Americans will increase 1.6 percent in 2020, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.6percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI



benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their mySocial Security account. People may create or access their mySocial Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$137,700 from \$132,900.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail in early De-

Information about Medicare changes for 2020, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2020 are announced. Final 2020 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and mySocial Security's Message Center. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

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City of Boston Credit Union and Boston Police Runners Club Present Boston Police Department with \$250,000 Grant

Boston Police Commissioner William Gross today joined the City of Boston Credit Union, Boston Police Runners Club, and Boston Police unions to announce the Boston Police Department Health and Wellness Team. The newly created initiative will be supported through \$50,000 in initial funding from the Credit Union and Runners Club that will allow the BPD to provide services and programs necessary for improved health and safety of officers.

“The home lives and professional lives of our first responders are intertwined - supporting them with tools and resources to lead healthy lives is our top priority,” Boston Police Commissioner William Gross said. “Financial security along with physical and mental health are keys to keeping them safe on the job and leading fulfilling lives at home.”

The Boston Police Department’s Health and Wellness Team (HWT) is dedicated to providing the programs, resources and referral services necessary for the overall needs of BPD personnel. The development of the HWT will allow health ambassadors to deploy across the city to develop personal relationships throughout the department - going district by district and division by division - identifying the concerns of first responders to better align resources with indi-

vidual and group needs.

In 2018, the Boston Police Department (BPD) endured the loss of several officers due to health and wellness issues ranging from heart attacks, strokes, cancer and suicide, creating a need for a renewed focus on the health and wellness services provided to officers across the department.

“No one in our community should feel alone - most especially those that answer the call every day to protect and serve us, our neighbors and our city,” President and CEO of the City of Boston Credit Union said. “We can do more and together with the Commissioner and his staff, we will find better ways to support our officers as they support and provide comfort to us in our times of great need.”

In addition to the \$250,000 grant, the City of Boston Credit Union continues to support the Boston Police Department through Financial Education and Literacy programs with newly appointed cadets.

“We’re grateful to BPD leadership for taking the action necessary to provide comprehensive support to department members,” said Cecil Jones, Boston Police Sergeant Detective, City of Boston Credit Union Director and President of the Boston Police Runners Club.



Boston Police Commissioner William Gross accepts a check to support BPD’s Health & Wellness Team from the City of Boston Credit Union Board of Directors and President and CEO Dan Waltz.

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ing path built with City of Boston Community Preservation funds for neighbors to enjoy the site and connect to nearby parks. Location: 21 Norton Street, Hyde Park.

HYDE PARK LIBRARY EVENTS

Saturday October 19, 2019 at 1:30 PM

Mimi Turchinetz, will present, Theodore Dwight Weld, an architect of the American abolitionist movement and co-author of "American Slavery As It Is: Testimony of a Thousand Witnesses", published in 1839. Weld married Angelina Grimke in 1838 and moved to Hyde Park after the Civil War. He was a co-founder of the Hyde Park Historical Society. Meeting will take place in Weld Hall.

Monday, October 28, 2019 6:30PM

Joe Bagley, Boston's Archeologist and author of "A History of Boston in 50 Artifacts". Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Library, 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park.

HYDE PARK YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association will hold registration for the 2019-2020 season each Saturday in October:

* Saturday, October 19th * Saturday, October 26th

Boys and girls between the ages of 6-14 may register at Hyde Park Municipal Building between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon. Fees for the season range from \$50-60; parent signatures are required. For more information, check out the league website at: HydeParkYBA.com.

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LECTURE BY KEN GLOSS ON THE VALUE OF OLD AND RARE BOOKS, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Down-

town Crossing section, will give a free and open talk Tuesday, October 22, 2:00 pm at Deutsches Altenheim-German Centre for Extended Care, 2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA. Ken will discuss the value of old and rare books.

Ken, who is also a frequent guest appraiser on PBS' Antiques Roadshow, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop (www.brattlebookshop.com), which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second-generation owner. Following the talk and question-and-answer session, he will give free verbal appraisals of all books that attendees have brought with them or will do so at his shop in Boston.

WARD 20 BREAKFAST

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Committee is having its Fall Breakfast Saturday, October 26th, 9:30-11:00 AM at the Corrib Pub & Restaurant, 2030 Centre Street West Roxbury. Guest Speakers will be State Senator Mike Rush and State Representative Ed Coppinger. Suggested Donation \$25 \$50 \$100 WRCIA MEETING MOVED The October meeting of the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association will take place on Oct. 21 due to the Oct. 14 holiday. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the St. Stephen's Church 5160 Washington St, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY EVENT

Children's and Young Adult Book Sale - Saturday, October 26, 2019, 10 am - 3 pm West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Center Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132 More info at FriendsOfTheWRLibrary.org

PENNY SALE

Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 6:30PM to 10PM, Sponsored by the Antiochian Women of St. George Church, 55 Emmonsedale Road, West Roxbury. An evening of Raffles and Prizes for all ages! Imagine... for as little as \$5 you may be going home with very valuable prizes - toys, linens, small appliances, bath accessories, food baskets, special drawings. Refreshments and free admission.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT BILLINGS FIELD

The Stratford Street United Church hosts an Animal Blessing at Billings Field (near the tennis courts) Sunday October 20th @ 10 AM

The Stratford Street United Church invites all of its neighbors, especially your four-footed, finned and feathered friends to celebrate and honor the animals in our lives, those with us now...and those in spirit. We do this in recognition of the beautiful life of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Reverend Abigail Henrich of the Stratford Street Church and Reverend Kaleel Sakakeeny, a certified Animal Chaplain and

Grief Counselor, welcome all your animal companions to be blessed individually. There will be a few brief remarks about the importance of recognizing and honoring the love all animals and their human companions share, and the sacred connection between them.

No matter what your faith background or practice, the Stratford Street Church welcomes all of you to this blessed community event! Hot Coffee and Treats for pets will be available in abundance!

FALL INTO FASHION - CHEFS TABLE FOUNDATION

Fall into Fashion fundraiser will place on Sunday, October 20th, 2019 12pm-3pm at the Boston Elks Lodge, One Morrell Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Fall into Fashion will be an exciting afternoon featuring a Fall Runway Fashion Show, cash bar, food donated by local restaurants, (The Brickhouse Cafe, B.C. Baking Co., Salem Food Market, Wegmans and more) a tantalizing Girl-Equin Giving Tree and a vendor fair, featuring Fabutique, Jewelina Designs, Top It Off Accessories and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Fall into Fashion event benefits Chefs Table Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that teaches legally blind students basic cooking skills and provides a culinary scholarship to in need veterans and young adults. For information/tickets: www.chefstablefoundation.org

WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH NOV. 3RD

The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place invite you to its 27th Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Sunday, November 3rd from 10:00-12:00 noon. This worthwhile fundraiser supports homeless and poor women, Rosie's Place Food Pantry, Roslindale Food Pantry and sends homeless and poor children to summer camp. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a beneficial cause. Admission is \$20.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. If you need additional information, please call 617-469-4199 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at [facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies](https://www.facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies).

43RD ANNUAL BAZAAR & FOOD FAIR PLANNED

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston is proud to announce their 43rd Annual Bazaar & Food Fair to be held at their community center located at 55 Emmonsedale Road, West Roxbury, MA, on Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th

from 10:00AM to 9:00PM and Sunday, October 20th from 12PM - 3:00PM - FREE ADMISSION/WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. Full kitchen service and take-out available. Authentic Middle Eastern Cuisine and Pastry, American Foods and Pastry, Country Store, Photo Booth, White Elephant Table and much more. Do your Christmas shopping here at St. George. Purchase Galaxy Raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes! There's something for everyone at the St. George Church Bazaar! For more information, please call the church at (617)327-6500. Proceeds to benefit church projects.

NEW BROOK FARM WALKING AND TALKING WITH THOREAU

Saturday, November 2, 2019 (rain date November 3), 2:00 - 4:00 pm Brook Farm Historic Site, 670 Baker Street, West Roxbury New Brook Farm is launching our fifth Focus on Brook Farm photography and artists' outing with a special guided walk with Thoreau reenactor Mr. Richard Smith. Henry David Thoreau never lived at the Brook Farm community and only visited it once, in 1843. But he knew, and was friends with, many of the community's members and frequent visitors, including Margaret Fuller and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Step back in time as Henry Thoreau once again visits Brook Farm! Portrayed by historian Richard Smith, Mr. Thoreau will lead a walk around the Brook Farm site, discussing his life in the 1850s and his friendship with the Brook Farmers. Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and long socks (to tuck your pant legs in) as we may venture off the paths. The walk will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. More information - <http://newbrookfarm.org/walking-and-talking-with-thoreau/>

PROGRAM FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC

St. John Chrysostom, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury, a welcoming, inclusive community of Catholics following Christ, invites adults who are considering becoming Catholic to register for our preparation program which begins in the Fall. Contact Mary Campion, pastoral associate at Marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org or call 617-323-4410.

AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH MUSIC AND DANCE

On Saturday 11/2/19 at the Irish Social Club, there will be an evening of Scottish Music and Dance co-sponsored by the Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Highland Dance Boston, and the Scots' Charitable Society.

The program features music by A Parcel of Rogues—Susie Petrov on keyboards, Dan Houghton on pipes, and Calum Pasqua on fiddle. Calum was the first American fiddler to win the coveted Glenfiddich Championship in 2007. You can hear him play at the 2019 event at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA_vfkrNjUQ.

Performances of Scottish

highland and country dancing will be interspersed with ceilidh dances for all, with callers skilled at enabling inexperienced dancers to participate in the fun. A cash bar is available along with complimentary salty snacks, tea, and coffee. A light Scottish buffet is also an option for those who order tickets in advance. Tickets and more information at <https://m.bpt.me/event/4281482>

This is a wonderful, family friendly event, that celebrates the music, dance, and vibrant cultural heritage of Scotland. All proceeds go to the Scots' Charitable Society Scholarship Fund; the SCS helps over 30 American-Scots fulfill their academic potential each year.

EILEEN MCNAMARA, AUTHOR OF "EUNICE: THE KENNEDY WHO CHANGED THE WORLD" TO SPEAK AT THE WEST ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY ON OCTOBER 17TH

Eileen McNamara, author of "Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World" will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019 at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury. The Annual Meeting will begin with a reception for Friends' members at 6:30 p.m. McNamara's talk will begin at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

In her talk, McNamara, the former Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Boston Globe, will contend that Eunice Kennedy Shriver leaves a more profound legacy than any of her vaunted brothers. McNamara had access to Kennedy Shriver's never-before-seen papers in writing "Eunice." She argues that the determination and vision which led Kennedy Shriver to found the Special Olympics was born of rage. The rage was directed at the medical establishment that failed her sister Rosemary; at her revered but dismissive father; at the government's failure to provide equality to the intellectually handicapped.

McNamara recounts that while Joe Kennedy was grooming his sons for political power, cigar-smoking, determined Kennedy Shriver was using her father's fortune and her brothers' political power to ignite a civil rights movement that benefits millions of intellectually impaired adults and children.

Copies of "Eunice" will be available for sale and signing at the event. Friends' memberships can be purchased at the door or on the Friends website, FriendsOfTheWRLibrary.org

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Sober Home

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this to be seen as a NIMBY (not in my backyard) type ordinance to prevent them from integrating or coming in, this is a conversation that we need to have," she said.

District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey said there should at least be oversight on sober homes, if not outright regulations.

"There are issues with sober homes just popping up where ever they want and not doing what they should be doing for the residents who are in need of services and who are trying to live a sober life," she said. "The incident (involving Perry) was in my district, and certainly we've had some conversations in the council, but I think it's important that we continue that conversation to see how we can make sure that there's more equity in terms of sober homes."

Janey added the sober homes that voluntarily register with the state are concentrated in certain neighborhoods, and that access to sober homes needs to be more widely distributed.

"I think it's important that we engage with our state colleagues on this. It is my understanding that there are certain reasons why we cannot regulate sober homes including people in recovery are a protected status, but it is an important conversation to have to make sure those who need recovery services are getting them and that they are safe," she said.

According to the Massachusetts Alliance for Sober Housing (MASH), Recovery residents, formerly called halfway houses, are licensed residential treatment programs, while sober homes are peer-led and do not provide actual treatment. The idea is to allow those in recovery to provide mutual support, emphasize independent living skills and depend on peer leadership. None are licensed or funded by the state.

Recovery residences do have certain state regulations, and MASH put forth a set of standards (mashsoberhousing.org/standards-ethics/) it states that recovery residences have to follow, but also encourages sober homes to do so as well.



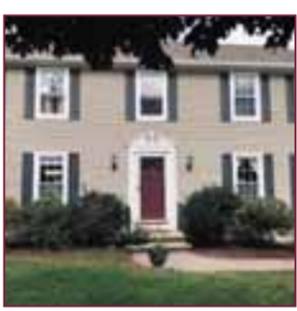
Three-year-old David Hamilton of Hyde Park meets 30-year-old ball python Dot held by Zoo New England educational program coordinator Rebecca Nuske at the 2019 ParkARTS Boston Children's Summer Festival hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on August 20. Children and families from throughout Boston had the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities at the Playstead in Franklin Park from various exhibitors including "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, ParkARTS arts and crafts, New England Aquarium, Outdoor Rx, Mass Hort, face painting, interactive building blocks with LEGOLAND, and more. ParkARTS is made possible in part through the generosity of Holly Bruce.

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ing Mattapan and Roslindale, Fairmount Hill being non-contiguous, and Readville being linked by two bridges with 2-4 lanes near a Zone 2 station, more cars and connectivity are something to watch. If better transit access, circulation, and effective parking restrictions precede the developments, their social costs may be lower.

From Dana Ave to Walcott Square, there are many improvements to be grateful for. Still meeting preexisting in-

frastructure needs is deferred maintenance not mitigation. Finding solutions for impacts caused by future development means planning. Proactive approaches are more efficient than reactive interventions; however the latter has political appeal by saving-the-day. Whether or not the pace of planning outpaces the pace of development is to be determined. Without a master plan, Hyde Park will endure missed opportunities. Meanwhile, master plans for

East Boston and Mattapan are underway.

Questions of such vast and hasty development are whether or not transience and disposable income favored interests, if such development facilitates homeownership or stratifies wealth, and if a comprehensive plan is in place to provide infrastructure for such growth? On the bright side, housing development does produce construction jobs, however so does improving

infrastructure. The challenge is, while one creates tax revenue, the latter costs taxes. It's tough when the source of solutions creates problems. A question for any member of society is: how relative is tax revenue to quality of life and at what point does one undermine the other?

*Nathaniel Thomas
Hyde Park*

DOESN'T UNDERSTAND PROBLEM WITH ROXBURY PREP

To the Editor:

As someone who travels on Belgrade Avenue often, I

must say I don't seem to get the big Ta Do about Roxbury Preparatory High School seeking to relocate to the Roslindale-West Roxbury border at Belgrade and West Roxbury Parkway.

The battle taking place between friends and neighbors in and around the Clay car dealership site is beyond me. Placards have gone up over the past couple of years. There will never be a perfect site but this Belgrade Avenue site doesn't seem that awful that folks are angry with one another. Buses will be running to and from Forest Hills station. There is also a commuter rail stop in the rear of the school that goes to and from Boston.

What do opponents think is going to happen if the school is built, if the school opens its doors to students seeking a good education? Is all hell going to happen? There seems to be an overreaction and fear that just doesn't make sense.

One sign has lawn signs supporting this school. Opponents have signs that want folks to stop an address rather than a school. Are people really concerned about too much traffic? I see Belgrade Avenue handling traffic quite well.

This school currently operates out of both Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, they are not from a distant planet. It needs a new location. This Roslindale site makes sense and it is time to take down the placards and actually talk with each other rather than yelling or viewing each other as opponents. Siting a school isn't a Rocky movie. This is about showing our young people that we can work together and do the right thing.

*Sal Giarratani
Roslindale*

GoGo Seniors

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December 5 - Agawam Country Club, entertainment. Leave from Hyde Park Shaws Parking Lot 9 am. \$95

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU19P2167EA**

Estate of: Carmen Munevar **Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: 07/23/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

George E. Vega of Boston, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

George E. Vega of Boston, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/14/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 3, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19P2278GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Delois Howell **RESPONDENT**
Of: Hyde Park, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) In the above captioned matter alleging that **Delois Howell** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **11/12/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
October 08, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 10/17/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19P2280GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Lakota Tubbs **RESPONDENT**
Of: Roslindale, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) In the above captioned matter alleging that **Lakota Tubbs** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Jacqueline Tablada Sitar of Roslindale, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Jacqueline Tablada Sitar of Roslindale, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/31/19. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 2, 2019
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